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IN Compliance with your Desire
I here send to you the Proceed-
ings in the H——e of C——
relative to Pensions, which con-
tains the Resolutions of the 11th
of *November*, and the different Messages in
Consequence thereof; with a List annexed o
the Gentlemen who voted on each Side the
the 14th of *November*, when the Question wa
put for adjourning from Day to Day all Order
not proceeded upon, till a proper Answer wa
received from His G——e the L——d L——
relative to transmitting the said Resolutions.

Mr. *J—B—* reported from the Committee (appointed to inspect the Public Accounts of the Nation) the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the several Pensions and Salaries placed upon the Civil Establishment of this Kingdom, since the 23d of *March*, 1755, amount to the annual Sum of twenty eight thousand one hundred and three Pounds.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that several of the said Pensions are granted to Persons who do not reside in this Kingdom.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that several of the said Pensions are granted for long and unusual Terms.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the List of Pensions returned as a Charge upon this Establishment (exclusive of the Military Pensions) for Two Years, from the 25th of *March*, 1755, to the 25th of *March*, 1757, exceed the whole Charges of the rest of the Civil List twenty two thousand two hundred and fifty eight Pounds four shillings and seven Pence three Farthings.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an improvident Disposition of the Revenue is an Injury to the Crown and the Publick.

To

To which Resolutions, the Question being severally put, the House did agree, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the granting of Pensions upon the Civil Establishment of this Kingdom, to Persons who do not reside in it, is a Prejudice to it.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, that the Increase of Civil Pensions for many Years past, is a Grievance to the Nation and demands Redress.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, that the granting of Pensions for a long Term of Years, is an Alienation, for so much of the Publick Revenue, and an Injury to the Crown and to this Kingdom.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the granting of so much of the Publick Revenue in Pensions, is an improvident Disposition of the Revenue, an Injury to the Crown, and detrimental to the Publick.

Resolved, That the House, with it's *Speaker*, do attend His Grace the Lord Lieutenant with the said Resolutions, and desire His Grace will be pleased to lay the same before his Majesty as the Sense of this House.

On the 9th, Application was made to know when His Grace the Lord Lieutenant would be attended in order to give an Answer, when he would transmit the Resolutions to be laid before His Majesty, pursuant to the Desire of the House.

On the 11th, Mr. *Secretary* acquainted the House, that His G——e would be attended the Day following, at two of the Clock.

The 12th, the House, with Mr. *Speaker*, attended the L—d L——t, who was pleased to give the following Answer, *viz.*

“ The Matter contained in those Resolutions is of so high a Nature, that I cannot suddenly determine whether it be proper for me to transmit them to His M——y.”

On the *Speaker's* Return, the Answer being reported, Mr. *Secretary* moved that the same should be entered in the Journal of the House, which was immediately opposed, as not being explicit or satisfactory; and being debated, and the Question put, Mr. *Secretary* apprehending the Majority against the Motion, desired Leave to withdraw it, which prevented a Division at that Time.

On the 14th, the House being met, a Motion was made, that all Orders, not proceeded on, should be adjourned to the next Day, the House not having received an Answer from the L—d L——t, relative to transmitting the Resolutions of the C——ns the 1st of *November*, in respect to Pensioners.

Here the grand Debate arose, as those who declared for the Adjournment were for supporting the Resolutions, to have them laid before His M——y, and those who were for suppressing the Resolutions, and preventing National Grievances being laid before the Th—e,

Th—ne, were against the Adjournment; the Fate of which was, in Fact, a Determination of the main Question, which was of no less Importance in its Consequences, than whether the People of *Ireland* were to be Freemen or Slaves, as it infringed on the Privileges of P——nt, by depriving the Subject of the P—l—ntary Means of laying their Grievances before the C——n: And the Question being put, upon a Division, those for the Adjournment carried it by a Majority of twenty one Voices.

In Consequence of the foregoing Question, on the 15th, Mr. *Secretary* informed the House, that he was commanded by His G—e the L—d L——t to acquaint the House, that their Resolutions of the 1st instant *Novembor*, should be forthwith transmitted to His M—y.

Had not this Message been delivered to the House, it's hard to guess at the Consequences that might have ensued; but the Instant it was received the House proceeded on Business, and the Money Bill, granting the Supplies to His Majesty, passed the same Day, *Nemine Contradicente*,

Having thus far stated the Facts, you may judge what would have become of this poor distressed Country had this Scheme prevailed: What Use for P——nts, if the Rights and Privileges of that great Representative Body of the Nation, should be trampled under Foot, and deprived of Access to the Throne by any Min——al Influence, through which Chan-
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nel the Petitions and Grievances of the Nation are most properly laid before the C—n. I say, should this be the Case, and had this Attempt succeeded, might we not in this Country sit down and for ever mourn the Loss of our Liberty, and happy Establishment under the glorious Revolution of 1688.

The Steadiness and Resolution of the Majority who attended the Business of their Country on this Occasion, cannot be over-rated, and in particular that honourable Gentleman who now presides in the Chair, immoveably fixed, not only to support His M——y's just Prerogative, the Dignity and Privileges of P—nt, but also the Liberties and known Rights of the People.

If my Animadversions on those Proceedings appear any way improper, I hope you'll impute them to my Zeal for the Welfare of this Country, which I am confident you sincerely regard. I am

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

ANDREW FREEMAN.

The

The Gentlemen who voted in Support of the
Resolutions.

Marked thus *, spoke in the Debate.

Tellers for the Ayes,

Lord Moore, Lieutenant Colonel of Horse.

*Edmond Sexton Pery, Esq;

Hon. Hugh Skeffington, Lieutenant of Horse.

James Smyth, Esq; Collector of *Dublin*.

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William Richardson, Esq;

*William Brownlow, Esq;

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James Hamilton, Esq;

Sir Richard Wolesley, Baronet,

*Lord Newtown.

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Richard Ponsonby, Esq;

Denham Jephson, Esq;

William Forward, Esq;

Abraham Creighton, Esq;

Bernard Ward, Esq;

Alexander Hamilton, Esq;

Robert Scott, Esq;

Matthew Ford, Esq;

Francis Leigh, Esq;

Sir Charles Burton, Knt.

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Hon. John Butler, Esq; Clerk of the Pipe. 25
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*Nicholas Archdall, Esq;
*Robert French, Esq;
Robert Fitzgerald, Esq; Judge Advocate.
Sir Wiliam Founds, Bart. Packer, Searcher,
and Gauger in the Port of *Cork*. 30
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Hon. Sir William Morres.
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Hon. Joseph Leeson, Esq;
Edward Herbert, Esq;
Hon. Richard Ponsonby, Esq; Secretary to the
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Sir William Parsons, Bart.
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Hugh Crofton, Esq; 45
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Charles Smyth, Esq;
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Richard Edgworth, Esq;
Right Hon. William Henry Fortescue, Esq;
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Thomas Fortescue, Esq;
James Fortescue, Esq;

Thomas

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William Stewart, Esq;

Thomas Knox, Esq;

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Richard Gorges, Esq;

John Rochfort, Esq;

Robert Percival, Esq;

Andrew Ram, Esq; 75

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John Leigh, Esq;

James Stopford, Esq;

Charles Tottenham, Esq; Surveyor General of Excise.

Hon. Henry Loftus, Esq; 80

Thomas Loftus, Esq;

Walter Hore, Esq; Judge Advocate.

Richard Chapel Whaley, Esq;

John Stratford, Esq;
Stephen Trotter, Esq;

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Against the Question, and for stifling the Resolutions from appearing before His M—y.

Tellers for the Noes.

*Sir Richard Cox, Bart. Pensioner.

Thomas Carter, Esq; junior.

Edward Smyth, Esq;

Hon. Hungerford Skeffington, Esq; Pensioner.

Sir Richard Butler, Baronet.

Right Hon. Richard Rigby, Principal Secretary.

Sir Edw. O'Brien, Bart.

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Emanuel Pigot, Esq;

Hon. James O'Brien, Esq; Collector of *Cork*.

Bellingham Boyle, Esq; Pensioner.

Sir John Freke, Baronet.

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William Harward, Esq;

Edward Barry, Esq; State Physician.

General Dilkes, Governor of the Hospital. 15

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Andrew Knox, Esq;

Sir Ralph Gore St. George, Bart.

Right Hon. Sir Arthur Gore, Baronet, Privy Counsellor.

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 Tho. Montgomery, Esq;
 William Cooper, Esq;
 John Graham, Esq;
 Robert Sandford, Esq; Captain of Horse. 25
 John Eyre, Esq;
 Henry Bingham, Esq; Pensioner.
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 Sir Kildare Burrowes, Baronet.
 Robert Harman. 30
 Agmondisham Vesey, Esq; Accomptant General.
 Ralph Gore, Esq; Pensioner.
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 *Warden Flood, Esq; Attorney General.
 *John Gore, Esq; Counsel to the Commiffioners. 35
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 William Scot, Esq; Prime Serjeant.
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 Anthony Marlay, Esq; Commiffioner of Appeals, and Pensioner.
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 Aland Mason, Esq;
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 *Right Hon. Anthony Malone, Chancellor of
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 Gustavus Lambert, Esq; Collector of Excise.
 Lord Forbes, Colonel of Foot. 61
 Richard Malone, Esq; Serjeant at Law.
 Hon. Thomas Southwell, Esq; Pensioner.
 Charles Gardiner, Esq; Surveyor General of the
 Customs in *Ireland*.

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